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Honorable William Goodling
House of Representatives
2263 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Congressman Goodling:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Linda J. Laub of Etters, Pennsylvania. Your constituent objects to rate increases by her local cable television operator in advance of the implementation of the Cable Act of 1992.

The Commission has a clear understanding that Congress adopted the Cable Act of 1992 to constrain unreasonable cable rates. The Commission is in the process of formulating rules implementing the rate provisions of the law and is seeking public comment on those provisions that address rate rollbacks, refunds, and evasions of statutory requirements. The Commission will attempt to implement these provisions faithfully, and will consider the conduct of the cable industry during the interim in deciding what kind of regulation is needed.

Your constituent's letter will be placed in the record of this proceeding so that the Commission can be mindful of her concerns during its deliberations.

Sincerely,

Roy J. Stewart

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Chief, Mass Media Bureau

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Dear Sir:

The attached communication sent to me by Linda J. Laub has been respectfully referred to you for your review, consideration, and comment.

I ask that you kindly return the enclosed correspondence to Julie Williams of my staff.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill", written over the printed name.

BILL GOODLING
Member of Congress

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December 27, 1992

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Rep. William F. Goodling
House of Representatives
2263 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Goodling:

I am writing to you regarding the recently enacted Cable Television Bill. It was my understanding as well as the understanding of many others that the passage of this piece of legislation would either lower or keep at status quo our current cable television bills. However, it was not my understanding that as a result of this legislation my cable television bills would increase.

I am a subscriber to Blue Ridge Cable of York County. Until recently, my husband and I were paying \$16.60/month for cable television. About three weeks ago [shortly after the passage of the legislation] we received the new set of bills for 1993. Our bills were increased to \$20.04/month. This is an increase of approximately 25%. Needless to say, we were shocked. Accordingly, I called Blue Ridge Cable to inquire about the increase. I was told that the passage of the Cable Television Bill was to blame. I was further informed that since their costs had gone up, they had to pass this along to me, the average consumer. When I inquired as to whether this increase was going to be an annual event, they explained that they were uncertain as the Federal Communications Commission had not enacted regulations regarding the bill. Feeling that my hands were tied, I politely terminated the call.

A short time thereafter, I was watching NBC Nightly News. There was a news package on that night explaining that various cable companies were increasing their rates pending enactment of the regulations by the Federal Communications Commission. The story implied that this was not ethical. The story further explained that various members of Congress were giving the names of these cable companies to the FCC so that something (but the story did not say what that something was) could be done.

My husband and I find this action by Blue Ridge Cable Company highly unethical. We would appreciate if you could ensure that their name is on the "hit" list with the FCC so that "something" can be done. Further a reply from your office regarding whether this action by Blue Ridge Cable is within the parameters of the Cable Television Act would be most appreciated.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Linda J. Laub
Linda J. Laub

Congressman Bill Goodling

19th District, Pennsylvania

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